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(b) to state what action has been taken by the Government in regard to each of the resolutions passed at these conferences; and

(c) to place on the table a statement of the expenditure incurred by the various local bodies for the attendance of the members of the said bodies at these conferences and also the expenditure incurred from Provincial funds for the travelling allowances of the officials who attended the above conferences?

A.—(a) & (b) Copies of the resolutions passed at the Local and Municipal conferences held in 1922 with information as to the action taken thereon by Government are being printed and will shortly be placed on the table of the Legislative Council.

(c) Information as to the expenditure incurred on the 1922 conferences alone is not available. The expenditure incurred from Provincial, Local Board and Municipal funds in connexion with the travelling allowances of officers and members who attended the Local and Municipal conferences in 1921 and 1922 was approximately as follows:—

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Provincial funds	4,118
Local Board funds	24,252
Municipal funds	6,344
	34,714

The expenditure incurred on the conferences held in 1922 may roughly be taken at half the above sums.

Appointment of non-Indians in the Local Self-Government Department.

94 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of appointments held by non-Indians at the time he assumed office in the departments administered by him, and the salaries of these appointments, and

(b) the number and salaries of such appointments, if any, now held by Indians?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government presume that information is wanted only in regard to the gazetted appointments paid from provincial funds.

As regards the appointments in the Medical Department including those of the Director of Public Health and the Assistant Directors of Public Health, the hon. Member is referred to the Quarterly Civil Medical list issued in January 1921 and October 1923, copies of which are available to hon. Members.

In the other departments under the Minister, no non-Indians were employed at the time when he assumed office.

Mappilla Rebellion.

Number of Mappillas tried by the various courts in Malabar.

95 *Q.*—Mr. T. M. MOIDU SAHIB: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many Mappillas were tried up to date for offences connected with the rebellion—

(1) by the Military Court,

(2) by the Special Tribunal,

(3) by the Special Judges,
(4) by the Special Magistrates,
(5) by the Summary Courts, and
(6) by the Sessions Courts ; and

(b) how many were discharged or acquitted and how many were convicted by each of the Courts mentioned in clause (a) ?

A.—The Government regret that they are not in possession of the information asked for.

Mr. T. M. Moidu Sahib :—" Will the Government be pleased to call for the information ? "

The hon. Sir Arthur Knapp :—" I don't think I will be justified in asking the local officers to spend a lot of time in collecting this information."

Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi :—" The information may be useful in arriving at a decision regarding any grace that may be shown to the men still in jail."

The hon. Sir Arthur Knapp :—" I do not quite see, Sir, what my hon. Friend is suggesting. Apparently his idea is that if we know the number of cases in which the men were discharged or acquitted, we will be in a position to arrive at some decision as to whether the remaining convictions also are proper."

Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi :—" I am sorry I made a mistake ; I thought that these referred to appeals."

Mr. Abbas Ali Khan Sahib :—" May I ask the Government to call for the information ? "

The hon. Sir Arthur Knapp :—" I have already said, Sir, that I don't think I will be justified in asking the officers to spend their time in collecting these statistics."

Mr. Abbas Ali Khan Sahib :—" Some of us want to table a Resolution on the subject and before doing so we want to have correct statistics. These statistics will help us in moving our Resolution."

The hon. Sir Arthur Knapp :—" When the Resolution comes up I shall take care to give my hon. Friend the correct figures."

Number of Mappillas awaiting trial.

96 *Q.*—Mr. T. M. Moidu Sahib : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the number of Mappillas awaiting trial in cases connected with the rebellion pending before the Courts ?

A.—On December 15th the number was nine.

Number of Mappillas yet to be arrested.

97 *Q.*—Mr. T. M. Moidu Sahib : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether there are Mappillas yet to be arrested for offences connected with the rebellion and, if so, how many ?

A.—The number of Mappillas still to be arrested on December 21st was 219. Many of these have been absconding for long periods.